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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date January 8, 2004

In re the Application of

Ali LAAYOUN et al.

Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 09/736,151

Examiner: J. Tung

Filed: December 15, 2000

Docket No.: 104959

For: PROCESS FOR LABELING A NUCLEIC ACID

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 8, 2003, an extension of time for a period of two months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 149905 in the amount of \$310.00 in payment for:

       Extension fee for response within first month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$110.00)

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A Petition for Extension of Time with a payment of \$110.00 was filed December 8, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two copies of this petition are enclosed.

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